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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/849,834	RAMAN ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit	
Allan Hoosain	2645	

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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 August 2004.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,2,5-12 and 20-36 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 5-10 and 29-33 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1,11,12,20,25-28 and 34-36 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 5-10, 29-33 are allowed.
2. Claims 2,21-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.
4. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. Claims 1,34-35,11-12,20,25-28 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Makineni** (US 2002/0066036) in view of **Leung** (US 6,760,444).

As to Claims 1,34-35,11-12,20,25-33,36, with respect to Figures 1 and 6, **Makineni** teaches a method of transmitting data between a mobile node, 16, and a home agent, 14, for the mobile node, the mobile node having authentication (an associated authentication server) the method comprising:

establishing a first communication between a first packet data serving node and the mobile node located in a first network (Figure 1, labels 24,26,22 and Figure 6, label 24);

determining at a proxy server, 322, authentication (an address of the authentication server) (P0039);

determining the address of the home agent, 10, using the information received from the authentication server (Col. 2, lines 5-15);

sending the address of the home agent from the proxy server to the first PDSN (P0039);

sending from the first PDSN to the home agent at the address of the home agent, a first registration request message for establishing a first registration between the first PDSN and the home agent (P0027); and

routing the data from the mobile node to the home agent via the first PDSN (P0039).

Makeneni does not teach the following limitations:

“authenticating server” and “contacting the authentication server and, responsively, receiving information from which an address of the home agent for the mobile node may be determined”

However, it is obvious that **Makeneni** suggests the limitations. This is because **Makneni** teaches that authentication in the proxy server is the same as in a home network (P0039). **Leung** teaches an authenticating server and contacting the server (Figure 7). Having the cited analogous art at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to add authentication server capability to **Makeneni**'s invention to server different home agents as taught by **Leung**'s invention in order to provide authentication before routing of messages through firewalls.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2,5-12,20-36 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Leung et al. (US 466,964) teach providing mobility of nodes in IP networks.

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO

MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

9. Any response to this final action should be mailed to:

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Fan Tsang**, can be reached on (703) 305-4895.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.


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